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Method and Device for Guiding and Supporting a

Thin Sheet or Metal Strip

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## **AMENDMENT**

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated October 2, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows.